(c) With a view to encourage development of Furit & Vegetable Processing Industries, government has taken several steps which *inter-alia* includes de-licencing of all fruit and vegetable products industries, providing fiscal reliefs for the products, capital goods and packaging materials and encouraging domestic and foreign investment in fruits and vegetable processing industries. Ministry also operates various plan schemes under which assistance is extended for setting up and upgrading of fruit and vegetable processing industries, setting up of infrastructure facilities, research and development, setting up of training facilities for small scale entrepreneurs, conducting studies, holding seminars and generally extending assistance through the State nodal agencies.

Kuchcha Roads in Pauri Garhwal

2458. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is adversely suffering in District Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh due to Kuchcha Road Factor;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to macadime all motor roads within five years from the years of their commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PROSAD VARMA): (a) to (c) Construction and maintenance of State roads at present is the responsibility of State Governments. This Ministry has, therefore, no information to furnish in this regard.

Power Plant Contract of A.P. Government with Subitomo Corporation of Japan

2459. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation has signed a contract with Sumitomo Corporation of Japan for setting up of 172 MW dual fuel based power plant, at an estimated cost of Rs. 480 crore, in west Godavari district;

(b) if so, what are the features of the agreement reached with Japan;

(c) by when the project is likely to start; and

(d) to what extent the power would be generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requirement and Production of LPG

2460. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding total requirement, in terms of tonnage, of LPG as against the production during 1996-97, as compared to 1995-96;

(b) the details of Government's scheme to increase the production of LPG by expanding the capacities of existing refineries, indicating refinery-wise production of LPG during 1996-97, as compared to 1995-96;

(c) the proposals for procurement of LPG cylinders during 1996-97 as per the requirement, as against procurement made during 1995-96; and

(d) the number of units in each State, particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa,